

Galleywood Infant School

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Dear Parents,

Like you, we are waiting to hear about how school days and classrooms will be organised in September 2020; we will share information about this as soon as it becomes available.

Usually at this time of the year we are making decisions about how to shuffle children into new classes for September. We spend a long time on this, ensuring each child stays with some close friends and also has the opportunity of working and playing alongside new friends to widen their friendship group.

This year has been unusual for us all and we have taken the decision not to mix classes this year, so that children coming back to school in June, July or even September will be able to return to a familiar group of classmates.

I am letting you know at an early stage as I hope this will reduce one source of anxiety about school and next year. Our teachers will also stay in their current year groups, so children will move as follows:

**Badgers class will become Owls, working with Miss Kirsty Coldwell**

**Foxes class will become Hedgehogs, working with Mrs Lizzie Sayers**

**Owls class will become Rabbits, working with Mrs Laura Ray and Mrs Chloe Needham**

**Hedgehogs class will become Squirrels, working with Mrs Jess Sinnott and Mrs Ali Merry Bowley.**

No class bases will change this summer, although our programme of redecoration means that the Hedgehogs and Squirrels classrooms will be emptied and repainted in August.

When it is safe to do so, we will be planning additional opportunities within the curriculum for classes to mix, work together and build new friendships.

We usually arrange two "class swap" afternoons, which cannot take place under the current arrangements. However, class teachers will take part in our usual class handover meetings, when the achievements and needs of each child are fully discussed. We will give details in due course if we are able to safely allow children to have an outdoor story session or similar experience with their new teachers.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions about school organisation.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Manning, HT